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Docket No.: 1761.1001

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takayuki NORIMATSU

Serial No. 09/944,589

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No. 1652

Filed: September 4, 2001

Examiner: William C. JOYCE

For: WHEEL BEARING ASSEMBLY

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on October 20, 2003. A Petition for a third-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to December 20, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.